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Welcome SIS Coordinator, Lebrun Joseph!

The Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) would like to introduce Lebrun Joseph, a new staff member to the *Supporting Individual Success* team. As the *SIS* Coordinator, he will be responsible for responding to *SIS* Level and *SIS* Report requests, facilitating the Supplemental Verification Team (SVT) meetings, assisting case managers with the SVT process, responding to questions through the *SIS* Info Line and phone, assisting with presentations and meetings, and gathering feedback from stakeholder communities regarding the *SIS* initiative. *Welcome Lebrun!*

Update on the Supports Intensity Scale

Starting in January 2016, OADS will begin using the updated version of the Supports Intensity Scale, called SIS-A. This means that all members who are scheduled to have their first or renewal SIS assessment after January 8th, 2016 will use the SIS-A. The SIS-A is very similar to the original SIS, but includes newly added demographic information, like language spoken, and where people live. The SIS-A also reorders and rewords some portions of the assessment. Most notably, three new items were added to the Exceptional Medical Needs section. These items ask about support needs related to Hypertension, Allergies, and Diabetes.



It is important to note that many things will remain the same:

- The assessment interview process will be the same
- There is no change to the way items are scored
- Assessment information will continue to inform members' support level and budget

For more information about SIS-A, please visit AAIDD at:

<http://aidd.org/sis/sis-a#.Vkpkt3arRph>



Have a question or a comment?

Email your comments to
sis-info.dhhs@maine.gov

SIS-A Report

After a member has a SIS assessment, they will receive a report in the mail with their SIS results. Improvements have been made to the SIS-A report, which will:

- Contain all notes and scores,
- Have more transparent scoring, (both the raw and standard scores), and
- Be easier to read.



Information from the SIS-A report can be helpful when planning for services and supports.

Stakeholder Sessions

OADS will be hosting a series of training sessions on the implementation details of the *Supporting Individual Success* initiative in March, 2016. The sessions will cover the implementation schedule, policies, procedures and rules. It will also provide planning tools for members, families, guardians, case managers and providers. Please save these dates. Additional information about times, venues, and how to RSVP will be coming soon.

SAVE the DATE

Supporting Individual Success
Training/Informational Sessions

March 7-11th, 2016

There will be sessions for:

- Members, Guardians, Correspondents, and Families (2 sessions)
- Case management (North & South locations)
- Providers
- OADS staff

Connecting with OADS

OADS hosts a conference call every Friday morning at 8:00 am to answer questions about *Supporting Individual Success*.

To Join the Friday Calls:
First, dial: **1-877-455-0244**
Then, enter the passcode: **207-287-6642**